

Chickens

Number on Farms, Rate of Lay and Egg Production: Louisiana, 1999-2002¹

Year	Chickens on Farms, December 1		Average Number of Layers During Year	Annual Rate of Lay per Hen ²	Total Egg Production
	All Chickens	Value			
	--1,000 Head--	1,000 Dollars	-----1,000 Head-----	----Number----	----Million----
1999	2,630	7,364	1,915	251	481
2000	2,580	7,482	1,975	250	493
2001	2,700	8,100	1,946	247	480
2002	2,560	7,424	1,982	249	494

¹Estimates cover the 12 month period December 1, previous year, through November 30 of year referenced.

²Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand.

Production and Income: Louisiana, 1999-2002¹

Year	Pounds Sold	Price per Pound	Value of Production
	---1,000 Pounds---	---Cents---	---1,000 Dollars---
1999	7,222	0.68	491
2000	9,160	0.56	513
2001	7,456	0.60	447
2002	7,661	0.56	429

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Eggs

Production and Income: Louisiana, 1999-2002¹

Year	Eggs Produced	Price per Dozen ²	Gross Income
	-----Million-----	-----Cents-----	-----1,000 Dollars-----
1999	481	81.1	32,508
2000	493	81.0	33,278
2001	480	79.3	31,720
2002	494	81.7	33,633

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²Average of all eggs sold by producers, including hatching eggs.